

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Public Safety/Court related items)

New Guidelines on Court News: The three branches of the government have agreed upon guidelines for reporting of Tribal Judicial activity. They will be published in the next April Currents.

(Cultural)

Cultural Address to MAPS. The Tribal Historical Preservation and Public Affairs Directors addressed the full staff of the Manistee Area Public Schools on cultural issues including concerns of racial questions in the student body. The past 8 years of Language/Cultural lessons were recognized for their contribution and Bob Olsen (Superintendent) expressed a desire for more programs of this nature.

(General area items)

LRCR Donation to United Way. Interim GM Ron Spoerl made a presentation to United Way President Candace Owens and Board member Jeff Sullivan. The check for \$24,095.67 represented 12% of the total County Drive for the year.

P.E.G. Donation. Ogema Romanelli and Speaker Koon made a presentation of a donation for \$2,000 to the local P.E.G. committee which is responsible for local (Manistee) cable access television. This donation was made as the tribe is planning more tribal television shows and wanted to show support for this excellent way to reach the local community. You may also see some of the programs on streaming video on their website.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

Scam alert! A Medicare scam has recently been reported by MMAP sites in the Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Manistee areas. The callers state that they are from Medicare and need to confirm or update information so they can send the beneficiary a NEW Medicare card. The caller requests personal and financial (i.e bank account numbers) information from the beneficiary. Please advise everyone that this is a scam and they should hang up on these callers.

(Emergency Management items)

Region 7 acknowledges tribal vote. The Michigan DHS Region 7 organization has recognized that the three tribes in the region do contribute to the overall safety of the region and have allowed for one vote in their activities. Details are still being worked out.

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